

1 **July 23, 2019**

2 **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF**
3 **THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

4 President Luevano called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

5 **THE INVOCATION GIVEN BY CHIEF ABBOTT.**

6 **ALL RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

7 **ROLL CALL:**

8 **Present:** Directors Harris, Luevano, Munson and Van Doorn.

9 **Absent:** Director Hoffman.

10 **Staff Present:** Fire Chief/CEO Abbott, Attorney James and Board Secretary Stephen-
11 Porter. In the audience were: D/Cs Mahr and McReynolds, B/Cs Krumwiede and Mann;
12 Administrative Captain MacMillan and members of the public and Association.

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14 **PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AGENDA**

15 1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** President Luevano addressed the audience and inquired whether
16 there were any public comments regarding items not on the Agenda. Several members of
17 the public were there to address concerns regarding weed abatement issues on two
18 properties on Quail Hill, 818 and "0". Speaking for the group, Brad Fox expressed concerns
19 about the lack of defensible space, noting that the entire District had received the
20 advisement of requirements for weed abatement, however, these owners had not completed
21 theirs. He stated that while they were absent owners who had no structures on their
22 properties, the individuals present at the meeting had homes close to these properties and
23 felt vulnerable. He noted they had lived through numerous fires, including the 2003 Gavilan
24 Fire and were evacuated in the 2007 Rice Fire. They requested the Board take swift action
25 to protect their property and the community. Chief Abbott explained the annual weed
26 abatement process to the audience, noting that the time for forced abatement had not yet
27 occurred. He verified their concerns and stated the District would work with them and the
28 other landowners to timely resolve the issue. The Board requested that Chief Abbott provide

29 follow-up report on the status of the concerns. There being no comments, the Public
30 Comment Section was closed.

31 2. **EMPLOYEE BADGE PINNING — DFC MAROVICH AND CHIEF ABBOTT:** Chief Abbott
32 presented for badge pinning newly promoted individuals: B/C Greg Mann; Captain/PM
33 Danny Sahagun; Engineer/PM Chad Spencer and Engineer/PM Bruce Moore. All members
34 were given an opportunity to introduce family and friends available for the event. At the
35 conclusion of the introductions, each were pinned by a person of their choice and
36 congratulated by the Board.

37 3. **RECOGNITION OF RETIRING EMPLOYEE — DFC MAROVICH AND CHIEF ABBOTT:** Chief
38 Abbott presented B/C Schoenheit to the Board for recognition of his many years of service
39 to the District, noting his accomplishments while serving in numerous capacities within the
40 District. He was congratulated and wished well in his future endeavors, as well as presented
41 with a retirement flame.

42 **ACTION AGENDA**

43 **CONSENT ITEMS:**

- 44 4. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 2019**
- 45 5. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE 2019**
- 46 6. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT POLICIES & PROCEDURES**
- 47 7. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY PROGRAM RESULTS — SECOND**
48 **QUARTER 2019**
- 49 8. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT ANNUAL FLEET PROGRAM**
- 50 9. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT ANNUAL TRAINING REPORT FOR 2019**
- 51 10. **REVIEW AND ACCEPT MONTHLY WEED ABATEMENT REPORT**

52 President Luevano inquired whether there were any questions on Consent Items 4-10.
53 There being no discussion, President Luevano asked for a motion to approve the Consent
54 Agenda. On a motion by Vice President Harris, seconded by Director Van Doorn, the motion
55 to approve the Consent Agenda as presented passed unanimously.
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58 **ACTION ITEMS:**

59 11. **PUBLIC HEARING DATE/TIME CERTAIN JULY 24, 2019 AT 5:15 P.M. — FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF**
60 **MULTIYEAR FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT PLAN FOR THE FEE MITIGATION PROGRAM WITH ADOPTION**
61 **OF RESOLUTION 2019-06 — CHIEF ABBOTT:** President Luevano read the Resolution title and

62 opened the Public Hearing, inquiring whether there was any public comment or testimony.
63 There being neither, the Public Hearing was closed. Chief Abbott presented the Plan and
64 Resolution to the Board outlining the Fire Mitigation Program and Plan and the District's
65 compliance. Chief Abbott noted the District remains upside down in the Program and for
66 that reason, the District will continue to utilize the "pay back" option, rather than move
67 forward with approval of new plans. On a motion by Director Van Doorn, which was
68 seconded by Director Munson, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2019-06 with
69 the following roll call votes: **Ayes:** Directors Harris, Luevano, Munson and Van Doorn;
70 **Noes:** None; **Absent:** Director Hoffman.

71 12. **APPROVE/AUTHORIZE FIXED CHARGE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR WEED ABATEMENT —**

72 **CHIEF ABBOTT:** Chief Abbott presented the final request to approve a special assessment to
73 the Board for property owners who have failed to comply with District notices to abate their
74 weeds. This year there were two. When they do not comply within a specified time-period,
75 they have been brought to compliance by the District's Special Service contractor. The
76 property owners have been invoiced for the final costs and fees associated with abating their
77 parcel. Appropriate notice was posted prior to the Board meeting. If the two owners who
78 remain do not pay by the close of business day July 31st, the list will be delivered to the
79 County of San Diego no later than August 10th, 2019. The County would then lien the
80 properties. Vice President Harris inquired why the process of putting a lien on the property
81 took so long. Chief Abbott informed the Board it was a Government Code compliance timing
82 issue. On a motion by Director Van Doorn, seconded by Vice President Harris, the motion
83 to approve and authorize the fixed charge assessment and authorize sending the same to
84 the County after the final date, passed unanimously.

85 13. **REVIEW AND APPROVE RESOLUTION 2019-11 ADOPTING LOCAL GOALS AND POLICIES**
86 **RELATING TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICTS:** Chief Abbott present Resolution 2019-11 and

87 the Local Goals and Policies to the Board for consideration. He noted this is recommended
88 by the special bond counsel from Best, Best and Krieger, who is assisting with the
89 development of the CFD, to be accomplished prior to going to the next step before the
90 election. This Policy would be added to the Policy manual and used for development of any
91 future CFDs for the District. On a motion by Vice President Harris, seconded by Director
92 Van Doorn, the motion to approve Resolution 2019-11 and adopt the Local Goals and
93 Policies passed unanimously.

94 14. **CONSIDER REQUEST TO DEDICATE NEW FIRE ENGINE TO ENGINEER/PARAMEDIC ERIN**

95 **“STORMY” MCINERNY — CHIEF ABBOTT:** Chief Abbott and D/C Mahr presented a request to
96 dedicate the new fire engine to Engineer/Paramedic Stormy McInerny, noting that the
97 death of Stormy had deeply touched the District members. Discussion ensued regarding
98 past practices and other options. Vice President Harris expressed a desire to see something
99 more permanent, such as a tree planting with a plaque at Station 5. A/P Ryan informed the
100 Board that the Association was working with Gina McInerny on a scholarship to carry on his
101 name and a tree planting. D/C Mahr supplied information on the types of dedication
102 materials being considered and relative costs. On a motion by Vice President Harris,
103 seconded by Director Van Doorn, the motion to dedicate the new engine to Stormy with
104 some type of lettering or plaque, not to exceed \$1000 passed unanimously.

105 15. **CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2019-12 ACCEPTING THE REPORT ON STATE MANDATED**

106 **INSPECTIONS — CHIEF ABBOTT:** Chief Abbott presented Resolution 2019-12 to the Board for
107 consideration and approval, noting that SB 1205 (Health & Safety Code §13146.4) now
108 requires certain occupancies meet inspection standards, with an annual report reviewed and
109 approved by the Board. The purpose is the Board to review the adequacy of its fire
110 prevention activities. The report noted that 100% of required inspections were completed
111 in FY 18/19. On a motion by Director Munson, seconded by Vice President Harris, the
112 motion to accept the report and approve Resolution 2019-12 passed unanimously.

113 16. **REVIEW AND SELECT SAN DIEGO LAFCO 2019 REDEVELOPMENT OVERSIGHT BOARD**

114 **ELECTION — CHIEF ABBOTT:** Chief Abbott presented the LAFCO 2019 election materials
115 regarding the Redevelopment Oversight Board Election, noting the Nomination Committee

116 had recommended all three candidates equally. After discussion, the Board discussed
117 adding a Fire Protection member to the Board, selecting Mark Baker. On a motion by Vice
118 President Harris, seconded by Director Van Doorn, the motion to submit a vote for Mark
119 Baker passed unanimously.

120 **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

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122 17. There were no Discussion Agenda Items for the July 23, 2019, Board Meeting.

123 **STANDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

124 ● **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** Counsel James presented his report “California
125 Supreme Court Decides Cal Fire Narrowly.” Brief discussion ensued regarding how this law
126 affects “air time.” This is informational only, no action required.

127 ● **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** Brief discussion ensued regarding the items, with
128 Chief Abbott noting the District received a \$30,000 grant for PPE and training for the District
129 Volunteers. Informational only, no action required.

130 ● **BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

131 ● **NEWS ARTICLES:** Brief discussion ensued regarding articles. This is informational
132 only, no action required.

133 ● **COMMENTS:**

134 ● **STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES:**

135 ● **STEPHEN ABBOTT, FIRE CHIEF/CEO:** Chief Abbott informed the Board the District is
136 waiting for the written JPA agreement from Fallbrook Regional Health District. He noted they
137 are very pleased with the changes in the affiliation that are moving forward. Chief Abbott
138 stated he expected to have the updated Strategic Plan at the next Board meeting, noting the
139 Leadership Team had been working on it. Chief Abbott expressed his thanks and gratitude
140 for the services for Stormy and the support the District received from local agencies. Chief
141 Abbott informed the Board the Carlsbad Fire Chief is the new area coordinator for the North
142 Zone. Chief Abbott updated the Board on the progress of recruitment for the Medical
143 Services Officer and the Fire Marshal. Chief Abbott also informed the Board that he will not

144 be able to attend FRI this year, although he was slated to lecture, due to unexpected issues.
145 Informational only, no further action required.

146 ● **CHIEF OFFICERS AND OTHER STAFF: D/C MAHR:** D/C Mahr informed the Board the
147 weight issues on the Type III engine had been resolved. The two Type I engines have
148 arrived and the Staff expects to have them outfitted and in service in approximately thirty
149 days. **D/C McREYNOLDS:** D/C McReynolds introduced Administrative Captain Brian
150 MacMillan; he has joined Headquarters Staff to assist with management of the Volunteer
151 Program and transition of the Policy manual to a new format.

152 ● **BOARD:**

153 ● **BARGAINING GROUPS:** No comments.

154 ● **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.

155 156 **CLOSED SESSION**

157 CS-1. There were no Closed Section Items for the July 23, 2019 Board Meeting.

158 159 **ADJOURNMENT**

160 A motion was made at 4:55 p.m. by Vice President Harris and seconded by Director Van
161 Doorn to adjourn the meeting and reconvene on July 25, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. The motion
162 carried unanimously.

163 Respectfully submitted,

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166 Loren Stephen-Porter

167 Board Secretary

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169 Minutes approved at the Board of Director's Meeting on: September 24, 2019